## MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT PUBLIC SESSION MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2017 7:00P.M.

#### 1. OPENING

#### 1.1.1 Call to Order

Councilmember Sistrunk called the meeting to order at 7:22p.m.

### 1.1.2 Roll Call

Present: Mayor Eugene W. Grant (Excused), Councilmember Charl Jones (Excused), Councilmember Hope Love, Councilmember Lamar Maxwell, Councilmember Shireka McCarthy, Councilmember Kelly Porter, Councilmember Gloria L. Sistrunk, Councilmember Reveral Yeargin (Excused)

Staff: Weyimi Ayu, Director of Economic Development, Dashaun N. Lanham, City Clerk, Jeannelle Wallace, City Administrator,

## 1.1.3 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:

The invocation was given by Minister Angela Jenkins

## 1.1.4. Approval of Agenda

It was motioned by Councilmember Maxwell and seconded by Councilmember Porter. The motion carried and the agenda was unanimously approved by the Council.

# 1.1.5. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- It was motioned by Councilmember Porter and seconded by Councilmember Maxwell to approve the Regular Work Session Minutes meeting minutes for Monday, October 9, 2017. The motion carried and the minutes were unanimously approved.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Maxwell and seconded by Councilmember Porter to approve the Public Session meeting minutes for Monday, October 9, 2017. The motion carried and the minutes were unanimously approved.

• It was motioned by Councilmember Maxwell and seconded by Councilmember Porter to approve the Special Session meeting minutes for Monday, October 30, 2017. The motion carried and the minutes were unanimously approved.

## 2. PRESENTATIONS:

#### 2.1. None

## 3. LEGISLATION

- **3.1.** Resolution R-18-05 Appointment of Seat Pleasant Smart City Advisory Board was introduced by the City Council and read by the City Clerk on Monday, November 13, 2017. It was motioned by Councilmember Maxwell and seconded by Councilmember Love to approve Resolution R-18-05 the motion carried and was unanimously approved by the City Council.
- **3.2.** Resolution R-18-06 Declaration of Municipal Government Works Month was introduced by the City Council and read by the City Clerk on Monday, November 13, 2017. It was motioned by Councilmember Porter and seconded by Councilmember Love to approve Resolution R-18-05 the motion carried and was unanimously approved by the City Council.

#### 4. REPORTS:

# 4.1. Council President Report

• Council President Yeargin stated that the report for the month of October 2017 has been included in the paperless agenda packet.

## 4.2. Mayor Eugene W. Grant

• Mayor Grant was on travel for the Public Session meeting and no written report was submitted from the Office of the Mayor.

## 4.3. City Administrator Report

 Mrs. Wallace stated that during this month report within the last week, staff attended training for grammar and writing. Mrs. Wallace has recommended that all staff to attend the same training.

- During the LGIT annual work shop and the city received two awards this year in recognition of 25 years membership and LGIT recognized the City of Seat Pleasant as the risk management services award, which is provided to the members in loss of reduction and training. The city has received two awards from LGIT for training in total of \$10,000. This says that the City has done an excellent job in loss reduction for accidents in vehicles or litigation and reduction in hazards. The employees are applying the skills learned from the training to eliminate accidents and risks on the job.
- The Economic Development department hosted the first Minority Business Day in the City to assist them with becoming eligible for grants. We had one attendee who is on the way to becoming certified.
- The Police Department hosted the trunk and treat event for the city and had run out of candy with approximate numbers of 1,000 attendees.
- We had an unfortunate incident of a pedestrian being struck by crossing the street in dark clothing and one fatal shooting. A resident experienced a break down and an officer responded and stayed with the resident while she was waiting on assistance. The resident had written a thank you letter.
- The City had purchased the first home for the Smart Buy program and the home will be the first Smart Home in the City of Seat Pleasant. Director Ayu stated that the home will have smart technology with the appliances. We have different levels of the technology, Bronze, Silver and Gold. We are being very progressive with the Housing Trust Fund with the purchase of vacant homes. We are looking to rid the city vacant homes and sell them through the Smart Buy Program, to individual with student debt and they must reside in the home for five years and the debt will be eliminated.
- USDA has approved the swing space for the public works and city hall buildings to be vacated for the renovations. We are looking for a company to be approved that will provide training to residents on building repairs.
- The City Clerk has attended training for the Board Docs, registered City Council and staff for training, prepared committee meetings.
- The finances are on track in accordance to the approved budget. We had received 1.2 million in taxes at the end of October 2017.

## 5. UNFINISHED BUSINSS

#### 5.1. None

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

### 6.1. None

## 7 CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Ms. Katrina Robinson, 6210 Addison Rd., stated that she wanted to say thank you to the Police Department for apprehending the suspect that attempted to do a hit and run. Ms. Robinson thanked Mrs. Wallace and the Code Enforcement Officer who assisted with the neighbor removing the tree that has extended onto her property.
- Wilhelmina Evans, stated that she knows some of the councilmember's and some she doesn't know. She has problem with communicating with some of the councilmembers. She needs to be able to communicate with them. She needs to talk with someone to understand what's going on.

## 8 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 8.1. National League of Cities-City Summit, Wednesday, November 15-Saturday, November 18, 2017, Charlotte, NC.
- 8.2. Regular Work Session, Monday, December 4, 2017, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 6:00p.m.
- 8.3. Public Session, Monday, December 11, 2017, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 7:00p.m.
- 8.4. Seat Pleasant Annual Legislative Breakfast, Friday, December 15, 2017, Seat Pleasant Activity Center, 5720 Addison Rd., Seat Pleasant, MD at 7:30a.m.
- 8.5. Ward II & V Monthly Meeting, Monday, December 18, 2017, Seat Pleasant Activity Center, 5720 Addison Rd., Seat Pleasant, MD at 9:30a.m.
- 8.6. Ward I & II Monthly Meeting, Monday, December 18, 2017, Seat Pleasant Activity Center, 5720 Addison Rd., Seat Pleasant, MD at 6:00p.m.
- 8.7. Light Up Your Holiday Christmas Light Contest, Saturday, December 23, 2017 at 7:00p.m.

#### 9. ADJOURN-

The meeting adjourned at 8:02p.m.

Submitted by,

Dashaun N. Lanham, CMC City Clerk